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# Legally blind student turns to crowdfunding to cover tuition

#### Life-changing drink.

Ashley King lost her sight after ingesting methanol-alcohol mix in Bali bar



JEREMY NOLAIS

Ashley King can hardly see, yet her favourite subjects are broadcasting and photography.

The 22-year-old Mount Royal University student was declared legally blind after venturing to a bar while on holiday in Bali, Indonesia, in late 2011 and ingesting what's believed to have been a crippling mix of alcohol and methanol.

High import taxes have led some in the Indonesian province to serve up the cheaper alternative to tourists.

In the following days, King's vision rapidly declined. She describes being able to see only a haze likened to a "snowstorm."

Doctors have given her little

hope that her sight will return, but King has pressed on with her career aspirations and was accepted into Mount Royal's journalism program. Šhe's due to start her second year of study next week.

However, finding a summertime job has proven impossible, and King is already swimming in \$8,000 of tuition debt. She's now turned to crowdfunding platform RCKTSHP in hopes of covering some of her costs — but said a larger goal is to inspire others struggling with major life setbacks.

"For me, it's more about getting my story out there," she said. "If I can go to university and I'm doing it without any eyesight, you can do it too."

Erik Queenan, president of the Students' Association of Mount Royal University, said debt levels among average post-secondary learners are already at all-time highs and the financial burden only grows for those with personal struggles, like King.

"The costs are already higher than for somebody without



Ashley King was declared legally blind after ingesting a methanol-alcohol mix at a bar in Indonesia in 2011. Unable to find a summer job, she's now turned to crowdfunding to help cover her tuition for the journalism program she's enrolled in at Mount Royal University. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

a disability," he said. "It's already more expensive for them to live, and then they're taking on this huge cost."

Queenan was aware of King's crowdfunding push and commended her for an "innovative" idea. Still, he said he found it "disheartening" that there isn't more support available for someone in her predicament.

King, meanwhile, is set on continuing her studies. She says she has "tons of software" on her computer allowing her to zoom in on course material or have it read to her. She sets her camera to auto-focus during photojournalism class and jokes about sometimes leaving

the lens cap on unintention-

Cutting together broadcast news packages is another matter altogether.

"I can't begin to explain to you how hard it is to edit something when you can't see what you're editing," she said with a

King has long-term dreams of earning a spot behind the anchor news desk. She earned a 3.8 grade-point average in her first year at Mount Royal.

She relies on memorization to get by on campus - keeping track of the exact number of steps between the journalism wing and the on-campus Tim Hortons is among her most important endeavours to date.

"I walk into a lot of things still.... This is as good as it gets, I suppose," she said, before turning back to the crowdfunding effort.

"There's nothing for me to lose doing it.... I do hope people

For more information on King's crowdfunding endeavour, go to metronews.ca.

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#### **TODAY IN COURT**

Nicolino Ivano Camardi, who faces animal-cruelty charges after a dog and cat were found dead with their muzzles taped shut, is scheduled to appear for a bail hearing.

#### 2000 AND LATE

Don't look now, but your smartphone is obsolete. Samsung's Galaxy Note 4 debuts today, with unveilings in New York, Berlin and Beijing. iPhone 6 comes next week.

#### **DOGGONE IT**

Remember that cateringcompany CEO who appeared to be kicking and yanking a puppy on camera? Desmond Hague of Centerplate Inc.? Yeah, he resigned on Tuesday.

#### **CHUCKY 2.0**

For those young (and scary) at heart, Mezco Toyz will soon market a version of Annabelle, the terrifying doll in the 2013 horror movie The Conjuring and set to return in a sequel.

#### Bowness

#### Residents need to trust police: Coun.

While investigators said witnesses were co-operative in the case of a fatal attack in Bowness on Monday night, Coun. Ward Sutherland said area residents, in general, need to be more trusting and open with police.

"There are some challenges with Bowness, because a lot of people don't tend to actually call and report things that they see," Sutherland said Tuesday.

"It tends to be a cultural thing," he added. "It's kind of like they take care of their own. It's a 'Bownesian' thing.

Sutherland said he personally witnessed some residents' reticence around authorities on a recent ridealong with police, which he organized in the wake of a late-July shooting in the

"Certain groups just didn't want to deal with the police at all," Sutherland said. The councillor is also hosting a community-safety open house at the Bowness Community Association on Sept. 17 from 7 to 9 p.m.

"We need to do some education and say, 'Don't take care of your own thing.... The police are there to help you out," he said. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

# Murder charges for youth pending: Police

#### **Knife recovered.**

Cops believe they have weapon used in attack that left 38-year-old man dead



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Calgary police expected to charge a 17-year-old with second-degree murder late Tuesday after arresting him

Monday night in relation to an attack on a 38-year-old man in the northwest community of Bowness.

Investigators recovered a knife from the scene that they believe was used in the attack, which occurred around 10:45 p.m. in the 6200 block of Bowness Road, according to Staff Sgt. Colin Chisholm.

The suspect and the victim knew each other through a third party, police believe, and had been in a verbal dispute before the attack.

Chisholm said there's no indication the meeting between the two was planned, nor any evidence that drugs or alcohol were involved in the incident.

Police are not seeking any other suspects.

"We're certain that we have the right individual and he's the only individual who will be changed in this incident," Chisholm said.

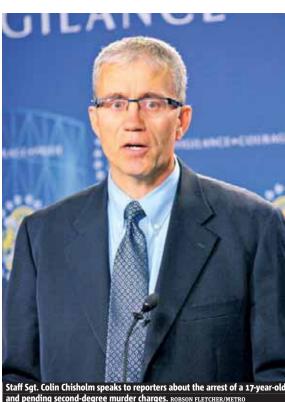
Investigators spoke with "at least half a dozen" witnesses in the area, Chisholm added.

"It always makes our job easier," he said of the witness evidence. "We don't solve anything without people coming forward. It's crucial that we have individuals come forward and co-operate with police."

An autopsy is scheduled for Wednesday to confirm the cause of death.

Chisholm said the youth, whose name cannot be legally published, was due to be formally charged with second-degree murder Tuesday night.

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and pending second-degree murder charges. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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#### Environmentally friendly

#### CBE rolls out propane -fuelled bus fleet

It's not just the kids who get to show off new stuff on the first day of school.

Southland Transportation and the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) rolled out their fleet of 90 propane buses to mark the first day of school on Tuesday These new environmentally friendly buses will transport about 3,420 CBE students to and from school each day and are a part of the CBE's EcoSite school initiative.

"We're committed to ensuring that our students have reliable transportation to and from school each day," said Darlene Unruh, CBE director of planning and transportation. "These state-of-the-art buses are better for the en-

vironment and help us to set an example for our students to develop good citizenship behaviours and lifelong environmental habits."

The new propane buses will help lower Southland Transportation's hydrocarbon emissions by 80 per cent.

Tom Jezersek of transportation provider Pacific Western said the buses only need to be fuelled up about once a week and maintenance costs are much lower than on the older diesel buses. "The mechanics like them, the drivers like them and the environment likes them — they're a good fit," said Jezersek.

He adds that they're also more reliable in the cold weather, as they are quicker to warm up and easier to start.

The CBE now has the sixthlargest fleet of propane buses in North America.

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# Leadership. Registration issues crop up with PC vote just days away

With just days to go in the Progressive Conservative leadership race, candidates are raising concerns that the new online voting system may mean not everyone gets a chance to cast a ballot.

The party is using an online system and verifying that voters are eligible to cast a ballot by cross-referencing members with the Elections Alberta voters' list.

Ric McIver said his team is working hard to fix issues with potential supporters not aligning with the list.

"We have had a lot of rejections for a whole variety of reasons and we have just been working through them one file at a time," he said.

Thomas Lukaszuk said his campaign is having similar problems and is working hard to correct them.

"I want to make sure that all of those who bought a membership get a chance to vote," he said.

Kelley Charlebois, the party's executive director, said it has been a challenge and that he doesn't know if the issue will be entirely resolved before Saturday's vote.

"Do I think we are going to have 100 per cent coverage? No. But I can't give you a number because it would be a guess," he said.

He said the party has dedicated staff to working on the issue and he knows the campaigns are focused on the problem as well.

"I think if everybody is working hard, we can get a lot of people on there."

# Rival brokers sue Calgary United Cabs for \$600K

#### 'Deceptive' Google ads.

Defending brokerage head says he's done nothing wrong

Two Calgary cab brokerages have launched a lawsuit against a rival upstart amid allegations that online advertisements were purchased in a deliberate attempt to deceive long-standing customers.

The claim, filed by Associated Cabs and Checker Cabs, stems from a series of Google listings that came to light last month featuring the headings of the established companies but website links and phone numbers for Calgary United Cabs, which formally launched earlier this year.

The plaintiffs are seeking a permanent injunction barring the purchase of similar ads in the future as well as \$600,000 or more in damages for loss of reputation, damage to goodwill and loss of revenue.

"The banner ads expressly utilized the key words 'Associated' and 'Checker' in a manner that was intended to or did deceive customers that had otherwise intended to or would have utilized the Plain-

tiffs' dispatch and taxi services into requesting taxi services from the defendants," the statement of claim reads.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

Roger Richard, president of Associated, said Tuesday he was first alerted to the ads by a confused customer who believed they'd phoned his brokerage for a ride but were surprised when a United vehicle showed up.

Richard said he believes the

Richard said he believes the ads had existed online for several months but was still in the process of obtaining all the necessary records from Google.

"It creates a huge problem when you give false, misleading, deceptive information to the public. That is no way to run a business," Richard said.

When first alerted to the ads in late July, Metro performed basic Google searches for both "Associated Cab Calgary" and "Checker Cab Calgary" and found that the queries returned two paid advertisements — one for the legitimate brokerage and one leading surfers to United's website

But United President Rupinder Gill, a former Associated driver who left the longrunning brokerage to start his



own amid complaints of driver and customer mistreatment, has said he had no knowledge of the false advertisements.

United representatives pulled down their website temporarily after a Metro story on the ads ran July 24. Gill said he believes the brokerage's infrastructure was hacked.

Reached Tuesday, Gill said he was on vacation and hadn't received a copy of the claim.

But he added, "We'll fight it.... I don't care if they sue me, they can do whatever they like, but I'm clean on my side."

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Rupinder Gill said earlier this year that Calgary United Cabs was up and running with more than 50 drivers that had jumped ship from Associated Cabs and Checker Cabs.

#### **Abolishing school fees would cost roughly \$100M: Minister**



Renewed calls to abolish "mandatory school fees" in Alberta are being deflected by the provincial education minister, who says the hefty bill for such a move is better spent in other areas of the system.

Alberta Education Minister Jeff Johnson said their "best guess" of the cost to take the burden of fees for transportation, noon-hour supervision and other charges off parents is \$100 million. Both the opposition Wildrose and Liberal parties renewed calls Tuesday for easing the September financial hit on families — with the Wildrose launching a petition calling for "mandatory fees" to be scrapped. The calls came as the bulk of the province's students returned to class.

Wildrose education critic Bruce McAllister identified noon-hour, instructional and supply fees as being first on the chopping block should his party come into power.

"They've been created, frankly, because the PC government has not honoured its commitment to boards and continues to shortchange them," McAllister said. "It always rolls downhill and it always seems to wind up with the government's hand in your pocket as a parent." IEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

#### **Decisions, decisions**

Alberta Education Minister Jeff Johnson said decisions on whether to charge fees are left largely to local school boards. As an example, he said about one-third of boards in the province don't charge parents for bus transportation.





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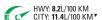














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# 'I believe our economy is going to grow on smarts, not muscle'

**Q&A.** PC leadership candidate Thomas Lukaszuk shares his thoughts on post-secondary cuts, transit and the MGA review



Do you believe the cuts to post-secondary education made in 2013 were a mistake? If so, how would you rectify them?

Yes. They were counterintuitive to what I want to achieve; that was the other premier's platform and her vision. This is the brain trust that is going to drive our economy forward. I believe our economy is going to grow on smarts, not muscle, so cutting advanced education is not conducive to that.

If the province could only fund one of these projects, would you want to spend the funds on upgrades to a commuter highway or adding to the city's LRT network?

LRT. The more cars we can take off the road, the more bums we can put into an LRT seat, the less pressure you are going to have to upgrade a commuter highway.

Would you fund full-day kindergarten in Alberta schools and how would you find the money to fund it?

Yes, it's a 100 per cent commitment. The only limita-

tion is infrastructure at this time, because there are schools that simply can't afford one extra grade level.

Do you believe the Municipal Government Act (MGA) should be changed to treat the big cities of Edmonton and Calgary differently than other municipalities in the province?

There is a review of the MGA right now, and I want to pull it back a little to put some of those questions into the mix. Our legislation seems to be rather monolithic, assum-

ing the only difference is population — big cities, bigger problems; smaller cities, smaller problems. That's not the case.

Would you support adding demerit points to the current fine for distracted driving?

I don't think we're there yet, because there's a step we would skip. I don't mind getting there in the long run but I'm not convinced that we are serious and diligent about enforcing the current law.

'An investment' for Alta.

#### Lukaszuk hoping to set new course

As he attempts a comefrom-behind win for the PC leadership, Thomas Lukaszuk is asking party members to think about where they want Alberta to go.

In a sit-down interview with Metro, the former cabinet minister said it's time for Alberta to be more forward-looking when it comes to shaping the province.

"We need to decide who we're going to be when we grow up from an economic perspective," he said.

Lukaszuk said one successful industry is not enough for the province's long-term success and Alberta needs to do more to make people want to live and start businesses here.

"You need to have hospitals and you need to have daycares; you need to have senior centres," he said.

Lukaszuk said to pay for all these things there would have to be new debt.

"That's not an expense, it's an investment. It's the cost of doing business." He said building more

He said building more social infrastructure for the province will help turn Alberta from a place people want to work in to a place they want to call home.

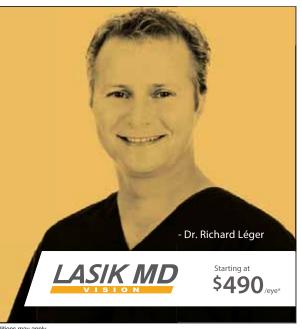
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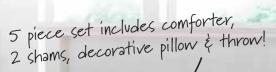
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#### Nenshi 'disappointed' at Cities Matter results

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All three men vying to be Alberta's next premier have relatively "insipid" policy plans for the province's big cities that pale in comparison to a municipal funding arrangement outlined by the opposition Wildrose, Mayor Naheed Nenshi said Tuesday.

said Tuesday.

That, at least, is according to the responses Thomas Lukaszuk, Ric McIver and Jim Prentice provided to Nenshi's "Cities Matter" survey on municipal issues.

The mayor published the candidates' responses, verbatim, online Tuesday and said he was "disappointed" at their lack of content, nuance and, in some cases, understanding.

On the "vitally important question" of city charters — proposed legislation that would reframe the powers of Alberta's big cities and how they are funded — Nenshi said "all three candidates would probably take us a step backwards."

Nenshi said McIver's re-

sponse, in particular, suggested he "doesn't even understand what a city charter is" but admitted he may be holding Mclver's responses to a different standard based on his past experience in municipal government.

Nenshi defeated McIver, a former alderman, in the 2010 mayoral race.

In general, Nenshi said the only substantive policy for reforming the way cities are funded is the Wildrose "10/10

Community Infrastructure Transfer," which calls for 10 per cent of provincial tax revenue and 10 per cent of budget surpluses to go to municipalities.

"It's interesting that the official opposition has much more specific policy suggestions on municipalities than the person who might be premier as of next week," the mayor said.

The candidates full responses can be found online at citiesmatter.ca.

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# Reels set a diverse

#### Sit back, relax, enjoy.

Lineup for Sept. 18-28 festival includes films starring Dustin Hoffman and Channing Tatum

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Grab your bucket of popcorn or box of tissues — this year's lineup for the Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) was announced Tuesday.

This year's festival promises plenty of content by Cal-

gary filmmakers, along with some big headliner films by crowd favourites such as David Cronenberg.

"We're extremely proud of our lineup this year," said Stephen Schroeder, executive director of CIFF. "The diversity and quality of the films we're presenting will appeal to all movie lovers."

The 11-day festival starts rolling on Sept. 18 and will run until Sept. 28. Headlining films at this year's festival include Boy Choir, starring Dustin Hoffman; Foxcatcher, featuring Channing Tatum, Mark Ruffalo and Steve Carell; and Maps to the Stars by Canadian





# to roll for CIFF '14

director David Cronenberg.

While no theme for the festival has been announced, Schroeder said with so many submissions, it's hard to nail it down to one single theme before the festival begins.

"It's impossible to pre-plan a theme; it's like a roaring tsunami coming right at you," said Schroeder.

This year's celebrities, filmmakers, actors and invited guests will be walking the red carpet during the Opening Gala, featuring The Young and Prodigious T.S. Spivet at the Jubilee Auditorium.

Stars in attendance, as confirmed by CIFF, for the Opening Gala include Callum Keith Rennie, Kyle Catlett, Niamh Wilson, Jakob Davies and, just announced on Tuesday, Rick Mercer.

Most of this year's screenings will take place at Cineplex Eau Claire and the Globe Cinema, which will be licensed for all screenings after 6 p.m.

The Alberta Spirit Gala and the Closing Gala will take place at Theatre Junction GRAND, a new venue for the festival.

#### Detail

Tickets and the lineup can be found at CalgaryFilm.com.

- EXP Passes, Ten-Packs, Gala and single tickets can be purchased online.
- The box office at Eau Claire will open for festival tickets on Monday.
- About 200 films have been selected for the festival; half are shorts.
- The festival will have about 167 feature-film screenings (most screen twice).
- More than 300 volunteers come out to help with the festival.



#### **Bear restrictions still in effect: Parks Canada**

Summer may be winding down, but bear restrictions are still in effect on several popular hiking trails in the mountain parks, and visitors are being reminded to obey the rules or face fines.

Penalties can technically run as high as \$25,000 for failing to carry bear spray, hiking in smaller parties than mandated or bringing dogs or bikes on certain trails, although park warden Jim Mamalis said he's never seen a fine that large actually levied.

"I've seen fines ranging from a few hundred dollars to \$1,000," he said, adding that it's ultimately up to a judge for national park violations that occur in Alberta.

Violations in a national park in B.C. can be settled with a ticket, Mamalis said, but Alberta is one of two provinces in Canada where even minor offences have to go to court.

So far this summer, Mamalis said there have been at least two charges in the Moraine Lake area of Banff National Park and "lots of warnings."

In Kootenay National Park, he said at least four people were charged along the Kindersley Sinclair Loop and three more were warned.

And in Banff's Lake Minnewanka area, at least 10 warnings have been issued and two violators were spotMaximum penalty

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#### People with disabilities. Alberta funding reviews unfair and faulty: NDP

Alberta's New Democrats say government funding assessments for people with disabilities are needless and harmful.

The province introduced a support scale to help make room for \$45 million in cuts that were planned for last year.

The cuts didn't go through, but the NDP says documents it has obtained show the assessments are still going on.

MLA Rachel Notley says the reviews are faulty and shouldn't be used to decide how much funding someone needs.

Notley says the process only makes things more confusing and stressful for people and their families.

Notley, fellow MLA David Eggen and labour activist Rod Loyola are candidates for the NDP leadership, to be decided Oct. 18. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Finance minister

# Wildrose party calling for Horner's resignation

The Wildrose party is calling on Alberta Finance Minister Doug Horner to resign and pay the cost of flying family members on government aircraft.

According to CBC reports, a review of flight logs

found that Horner took his wife with him on government aircraft at least 23 times.

Wildrose finance critic Rob Anderson says Horner should repay taxpayers and resign immediately.

Anderson adds that leadership candidate Jim Prentice should also make an example of Horner and cut him from his campaign team.

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# What's better than sushi? Eating it off a naked model



#### 'Body sushi buffet.'

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According to Santos, the concept originated among Japanese gangsters, who used to sit around a nude model-turned-table and sample sushi placed carefully on various areas of her body.

Šantos said he held a couple of body sushi evenings at Calgary's now-closed Wild Ginger restaurant a few years ago, but is now hoping to revive the idea.

"It's pretty much a sushi buffet, but the table is a model," he said. "It's different and there's no one here that does it. It's also a traditional Japanese thing that they do for more of a private party."

The model at Gohan's inaugural event Oct. 3 will lie still and not speak for the duration of the event. She will be nude but have banana leaves and flowers strategically placed to cover off certain "nude parts," Santos said. The sushi will then be placed on top of the leaves and customers must use chopsticks to snag their samples.

Santos said the plan is to host a body sushi event one Friday every month at Gohan. He first took part in such an event in Japan in 2006.

"I thought it was pretty neat," he recalled. "There's really nothing raunchy about it."

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# Bieber's lawyer points finger at paparazzi

#### Pop star arrested Friday near Stratford.

Artist charged with dangerous driving and assault after a collision

Justin Bieber's camp is pointing a finger of blame at the paparazzi for the Canadian pop star's latest run-in with the law in Canada.

Ontario Provincial Police said Bieber, 20, was arrested Friday and charged with dangerous driving and assault following a collision between a minivan and an ATV in a rural area northeast of Bieber's hometown of Stratford

The driver of the ATV and an occupant of the minivan "engaged in a physical altercation," according to police.

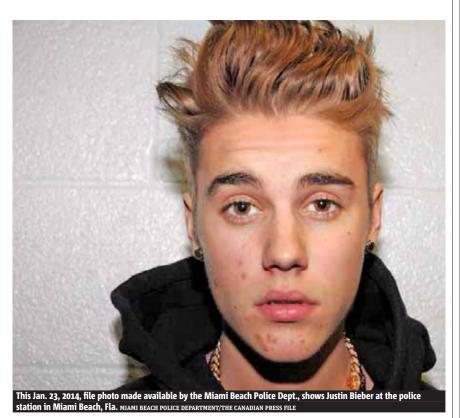
Const. Kees Wijnands would not say whether Bieber was driving the ATV, but pictures posted online show the star and on-and-off girlfriend Selena Gomez riding on an ATV on Friday.

Wijnands said there were no injuries as a result of the collision but couldn't say whether there were any injuries from the altercation.

"He attended our office and he was arrested," Wijnands said. Bieber was then released on a promise to appear in court Sept. 29.

In a statement emailed to The Canadian Press, Bieber's lawyer in Toronto indicated the paparazzi were involved but provided no details.

"Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez's peaceful retreat in Stratford this weekend was unfortunately disrupted by the unwelcome presence of the paparazzi," said Brian Greenspan.



#### Quoted

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Brian Greenspan, Bieber's lawyer in Toronto

"This has regrettably resulted in charges of dangerous driving and assault. Mr. Bieber and Ms. Gomez have fully co-operated in the police investigation. We are hopeful that this matter will be quickly resolved."

Just a few days before the incident, Bieber's car was

hit from behind by a vehicle driven by a photographer in Hollywood. The Grammy Award-nominated singer tweeted: "There should be laws against what I just experienced. We should have learned from the death of Princess Diana."

He then tweeted: "I don't

have a problem with Paparazzi but when they act recklessly they put us all in danger."

This is Bieber's second brush with the law in Canada.

Early this year Toronto police charged him with assault, alleging he hit a driver several times in the back of the head after he and five others were picked up by a limousine in the early hours of Dec. 30.

There is a court hearing in that case scheduled for Sept. 8, but Greenspan said Bieber won't attend.

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# Dethroned beauty queen wants apology, holds crown ransom

A dethroned 16-year-old beauty queen from Myanmar said Tuesday she won't return her bejeweled \$100,000 crown until pageant organizers apologize for calling her a liar and a thief.

May Myat Noe — the country's first winner of an international beauty contest — lashed back at her accusers at a tightly packed news

conference.

She said representatives of the Miss Asia Pacific World pageant lied about her age — saying she was 18 instead of 16 — and tried to pressure her into getting plastic surgery "from head to toe."

Noe denied having breast implants as claimed by David Kim, director of media for the South Korea-based pageant. He said the surgery was provided free of charge, part of efforts to boost the teen into super-stardom.

Kim said Noe was stripped of her title last week because she was dishonest and unappreciative and that she ran off with her tiara after learning of the decision.

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## Video appears to show second **U.S. journalist beheaded by ISIS**

'A Second Message to America.' Terrorist group says murder of Steven Sotloff is retribution for continued U.S. airstrikes

Extremists from the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) group released a video Tuesday purportedly showing the beheading of a second American journalist, Steven Sotloff, and warning U.S. President Barack Obama that as long as American airstrikes against the militants continue, "our knife will continue to strike the necks of your people."

The footage — depicting what the U.S. called a sickening act of brutality - was posted two weeks after the release of a video showing the killing of James Foley and just days after Sotloff's mother pleaded for his life. Barak Barfi, a spokesman for the family, said that the Sotloffs had seen the video but that authorities have not established its authenticity.

Sotloff vanished in Syria in August 2013 and was not seen until he appeared in a video released last month that showed Foley's beheading. Dressed in an orange jumpsuit, Sotloff was threatened in that video with death unless the United States stopped airstrikes on

In the video distributed Tuesday titled A Second Message to America, Sotloff ap-



pears in a similar jumpsuit before he is apparently beheaded by a fighter with ISIS, the extremist group that has conquered wide swaths of territory across Syria and Iraq and

the ISIS terrorist group. ETIENNE DE MALGLAIVE/GETTY IMAGES FILE

declared itself a caliphate. The fighter who apparently beheads Sotloff in the video calls it retribution for Obama's continued attacks.

"I'm back, Obama, and

I'm back because of your arrogant foreign policy toward the Islamic State ... despite our serious warnings," the fighter says. "So just as your missiles continue to strike our people, our knife will continue to strike the necks of your

In the video, the organization threatens to kill another hostage, this one identified as British citizen David Cawthorne Haines. It was not immediately clear who Haines

Britain and France called the killing "barbaric." In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said Ú.S. intelligence analysts will work as quickly as possible to determine if the video is authentic. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Ukraine. Military takes heavy casualties amid tough talk by Russia

The Ukrainian soldiers were an easy target as they launched a desperate run to safety. Pounded by a gauntlet of rocket shells, blown up in their vehicles, they died by the dozens.

In fields around the eastern Ukrainian village of Novokaterynivka, more than 30 army vehicles lay charred and pulverized into twisted piles of metal Tuesday — the result of a devastating weekend ambush by separatist forces.

The rout marked a major intensification in the separatists' offensive in eastern Ukraine - one that the government in Kyiv, NATO and the U.S. say has been sustained by Russia's direct military support.

Moscow's aggressive stance toward Ukraine has come in both words and deeds of late, fuelled by attacks like those in Novokaterynivka as well as

a leaked report that EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said Vladimir Putin told him Russia could take over Kyiv "in two weeks" if it wished.

Yuri Ushakov, Putin's foreign policy adviser, told reporters that the Russian leader's statement on Kyiv was "taken out of context and carried a completely different meaning."

The separatists, after having a month of setbacks in which government troops regained territory, have been inordinately successful in the last 10 days, just as columns of Russian tanks and armoured vehicles have been seen crossing the border. U.S. President Barack Obama and other NATO leaders will be attending a summit in Wales on Thursday to create a rapid-response military team to counter the Russian threat.

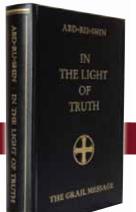
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# **Polar vortexes may** be caused by melting Arctic ice, says study

Frigid weather. Study says shrinking ice in Russian seas one cause of wicked cold fronts

A new study says that as the world gets warmer, parts of North America, Europe and Asia could see more frequent and stronger visits of cold air.

Researchers say that's because of shrinking ice in the seas off Russia. A reduced amount of ice would result in more energy going from the ocean into the air. That would weaken the atmospheric forces that usually keep cold air trapped in the Arctic.

At times the air escapes and wanders south, bringing

- Doubt. Kevin Trenbeth, a climate analysis chief at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, is skeptical of Yoon's study, citing his own research that claims the Pacific has a greater effect on the polar vortex.
- Acclaim. Katherine Hayoe, a climate scientist with Texas Tech, praised Yoon's study and believes it provides important insights into how human activities affect the planet.

with it a bit of Arctic super chill. That can happen for several reasons, the study says, such as when the ice in northern seas shrinks, leaving more water uncovered.

Normally, sea ice keeps heat energy from escaping the ocean and entering the atmosphere. When there's less ice, more energy gets into the atmosphere and weakens the jet stream, the high-altitude river of air that usually keeps Arctic air from wandering south, said study co-author Jin-Ho Yoon of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash.

The study observed historical data and conducted computer simulations.

Both approaches showed the same strong link between shrinking sea ice and cold outbreaks, according to lead author Baek-Min Kim, a research scientist at the Korea Polar Research Institute.

Sea ice in the Arctic usually hits its low mark in September, and that's the crucial time in terms of this study, said Mark Serreze, director of the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder, Colo.

Levels reached a record low in 2012 and are slightly up this year, but only temporarily, with minimum ice extent still about 40 per cent below 1970s levels, he said.

Yoon said that although his study focused on shrinking sea ice, something else was evidently responsible for



The U.S. side of Niagara Falls, seen here Jan. 10, begins to thaw follo the polar vortex earlier this year. Researchers have partially linked the cold weather from the vortexes to melting sea ice off Russia's coast, caused primarily by higher global temperatures. NICK LOVERDE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

last year's chilly visit from the

In the past several years, many studies have looked at the accelerated warming in the Arctic and whether it is connected to extreme weather farther south, from heat waves to Superstorm Sandy.

This Arctic-extremes connection is "cutting edge" science that is hotly debated by mainstream climate scientists, Serreze said. Scientists are meeting this week in Seattle to look at the issue even more closely. The associated press

# **Inspiration.** U of A student carries wife's memory on through ovarian cancer research

Powel Crosley was lost after his wife died of a rare form of ovarian cancer in 2009.

But he felt compelled to carry on her fight against the disease somehow and to help find a treatment for others so he went back to school.

The 60-year-old, whose long grey hair is often pulled back in a ponytail, has been enrolled as an undergrad student at the University of Alberta since 2010. It wasn't easy for Crosley to sit in a classroom again, but he was determined to learn as much about cancer as possible, taking introductory courses in biochemistry and oncology.

Crosley has excelled and recently the science rookie was awarded \$60,000 in grants to keep studying granulosa cell tumour of the ovary (GCT), which accounts for about five per cent of ovarian cancer cases.

Crosley, a native of Buffalo,



CONTRIBUTED/THE CANADIAN PRES N.Y., has used his wife's pass-

ing as motivation, having taken over her GCT research foundation. Having moved to Edmonton — a place he and his wife Sladjana had visited and loved - Črosley has immersed himself in cancer research, living and breathing his wife's motto that "the answer lies in the lab."

He currently is working on project that involves testing a new drug developed at the University of Illinois for other cancers, and so far its results against GCT have been encouraging. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Polar bears

#### **Extracting DNA** from footprints a 'step forward' for animal studies

Polar-bear scientists have developed a new way to study the mighty Arctic predator — pulling DNA off footprints left in the snow, making it easier, cheaper and safer to study the animals.

"This method allows us to sample DNA from the animal without having to see it," said Eva Bellemain of Spygen Inc., the French company behind the technique. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Spain

#### Release ordered for parents wanted in U.K.

Spanish officials ordered the release of a detained British couple wanted by police in the U.K. after taking their critically ill child for treatment abroad.

Brett and Naghemeh King took their five-yearold, Ashya, out of a hospital against doctors' orders. The couple, arrested on suspicion of cruelty to someone under 16, had planned to sell property to finance an expensive medical treat-

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#### New York attorney general:

#### **Evans Bank avoided giving** loans to African-Americans

A bank purposely avoided giving mortgages to African-Americans by locating all of its branches outside black neighbourhoods and directing advertising and loan products toward largely white communities, New York's attorney general said in a lawsuit filed Tuesday as part of a wider investigation into an illegal practice known as redlining.

Evans Bank is accused in the federal civil complaint of violating federal, state and local housing and discrimination laws, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said at a news conference in Buffalo.

The bank's practice of not making home-improvement loans and mortgages available in Buffalo's east side, home to more than 75 per cent of the city's African-American population, perpetuated racial segregation and the decline of the city's housing stock, the lawsuit alleges.

This is a problem we thought we put behind us a couple of decades ago," said Schneiderman, who was joined

The lawsuit included a map of Buffalo that Evans used to define its lending area.

The area, as well as the locations of its branches and ATMs, forms nearly a complete ring, broken only by the Lake Erie shoreline, around the city's predominantly black east side.

at the news conference by more than a dozen representatives from civic organizations, including the NAACP, New York Civil Liberties Union and Partnership for the Public Good.

Evans Bank is headquartered in the suburb of Hamburg and has 13 branches in western New York and \$830 million US in total assets.

The bank's president and chief executive called the accusations "meritless" and said Evans will vigorously defend itself. The associated press

#### 'Greenrush'

#### High demand for medicalmariiuana licences in Canada

The number of Canadian firms applying for lucrative medical marijuana licences has topped 1,000 as a so-called "greenrush" continues to overwhelm Health Canada. So far, only two new licences have been approved this summer, even as the department tightens the application rules. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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#### Don't want everyone to know you just watched I Don't Know How She Does It for the sixth time? This screenshot provided by Netflix shows what the viewer will see when subscribers recommend movies and TV shows to their Facebook friends. Until

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now, Netflix subscribers linking the service to their Facebook accounts automatically disclosed everything they were watching with a potentially broad range of people. The automatic disclosures ended Tuesday. A menu of friends culled from Facebook will appear after Netflix subscribers finish watching a video if they have turned on the sharing feature, NETFLIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Plane passengers turn on each other

#### Packed in like sardines.

As everything from lea room to toilets shrink on planes, people are taking their anger out on fellow fliers

Squeezed into tighter and tighter spaces, airline passengers appear to be rebelling, taking their frustrations out on other fliers.

Three U.S. flights made unscheduled landings in the past nine days after passengers got into fights over the ability to recline their seats. Disputes over a tiny bit of personal space might seem petty, but for passengers whose knees are already banging into tray tables, every inch counts.

To boost their profits, airlines have been adding more rows of seats to planes in the past few years.

Southwest and United both took away one inch from each row on certain jets to make room for six more seats. American is increasing the number of seats on its Boeing 737-

Passengers aren't just losing leg room: they're losing elbow room. Airlines in the U.S. sold 84 per cent of their seats on domestic flights so far this year, up from 81 per cent five years ago and 74 per cent a decade ago, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. That means there are fewer and fewer empty middle seats on which passengers can spread out.

800s from 150 to 160. Delta installed new, smaller toilets in its 737-900s, enabling it to

squeeze in an extra four seats. And to make room for a firstclass cabin with lie-flat beds on its transcontinental flights, JetBlue cut one inch of leg room for coach passengers.

Airlines say passengers won't notice because the seats are being redesigned to create a sense of more space. Southwest's seats have thinner seatback magazine pockets, Alaska Airlines shrank the size of tray tables, and United moved the magazine pocket, getting it away from passengers' knees.

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#### HIPSTERS THAT ACTUALLY DESERVE THE HATE

What with celebrity selfies and Vladimir Putin, you probably didn't think the world could get much weirder.

That's because you don't know about nipsters. Allow me to plug your knowledge gap.

Nipsters are Nazi hipsters. As Vladimir Putin is Nikita Khrushchev 2.0, so nipsters are an update on neo-Nazi skinheads. Instead of jack boots and swastika armbands, nipsters sport skinny jeans, coloured glasses, messenger tote bags and

You can watch German nipsters doing the metronews.ca Harlem Shake on YouTube, flashing signs that encourage the viewer to have unprotected sex with Nazis, which sounds so ... unclean.

Other signs in the video deplore multiculturalism, so it's clear that the unreconstructed hearts of xenophobes continue beating to a goose-stepping rhythm, with a little hip hop thrown in to bring things up to date.



Paul Sullivan

Nipsters also favour animal rights and support environmental causes. There's even a neo-neo-Nazi vegan cooking show featuring two guys in the kitchen wearing balaclavas.

Rolling Stone published the full lowdown on nipsters earlier this summer in an article titled Heil Hipster: The Young Neo-Nazis Trying to Put a Stylish

It's mainly based on an interview with a founder of the movement, Patrick Schroeder. Everything's on-trend about Patrick. He has his own webcast where he blends pop culture into hate culture in a way that is supposed to appeal to mainstream right-

wing lunatics. In fact, he says, "If the definition of the nipster is someone who can live in the mainstream, then I see it as the future of the movement." He dismisses North American neo-Nazis as dressed up for a costume party. No style.

Despite the user-friendly front, Schroeder's ideological observations are distinctly paleo. He calls Barack Obama Amer-

ica's "neger president" and tells Rolling Stone journalist Thomas Rogers that black people don't belong in Germany because it's "against nature. There's a reason we're not walking around in the sun, in Ghana, with our skin colour.

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All this would be horribly amusing if it weren't for the fact that racism is on the rise in Europe. And in echoes of Nazi Germany, according to the European Agency for Fundamental Rights, up to 90 per cent of all hate crimes in the European Union go unreported because respondents are afraid of social ostracism. It's OK to spout nipster nonsense, but it's not OK to

Nipsters aren't the only xenophobic fungus growing on European culture. Recent anti-Semitic riots in France and Germany, on the surface a response to the Israel-Gaza conflict, have an ugly undercurrent of racism.

It's quite the monster mash-up. Hate is an equal opportunity disease. Fortunately, an effective vaccine exists. Love is all you need, and by love we don't mean unprotected sex with a

#### árðarbunga-bunga



#### Icelandic volcano starts to chill out after eruption

Experts say the seismic activity near the Bárðarbunga volcano in Iceland is calming down as tall fountains of fire and lava continue to lick the air along a

volcanic fissure, producing a huge plume of steam and gas.

A massive white cloud some 4.5 kilometres tall was rising above the fissure eruption in the Holuhraun lava field north of the Dyngjujoekull glacier on Tuesday. No ash fall has been detected.

Iceland's meteorological

agency said the lava eruption appears to be less active compared to the previous day.

Thousands of small earthquakes have rocked the region in recent days, leading to concerns that Bárðarbunga, which lies under a vast glacier, could erupt.

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The number of earthquakes in the area near the volcanic eruption on Tuesday. This is down from 500 on Monday.

#### MetroTube

#### He's not happy about September, either





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Bad news. everybody. It's September back to school for some of us. back to layers for all of us. So it's understandable that you might want to follow Benny the **Bulldog's lead** here and poke your head out of your longweekend hole this morning and play peekaboo with pending autumn. (Benny The Bulldog/YouTube)



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# Dynamic duo Greenwood and Egoyan rock the movie screen

#### A history of hits.

Whether the script's about lap dancing or a kidnapped child, these two can be trusted to deliver movie magic



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Bruce Greenwood first met director Atom Egoyan in a singles bar. "Atom was alone in the corner and I felt sorry for him," says Greenwood. "We were introduced by a mutual friend."

That was in the early 1990s, when Egoyan was on the brink of international acclaim as a director and Greenwood was a film and television star with a handful of movies and recurring roles on St. Elsewhere and Knots Landing under his belt

That chance meeting led to their first film together, Exotica, a study of loneliness and desire in a lap-dancing club that Roger Ebert called "a deep, painful film" in his four-star review.

"We became good friends during that process," said Greenwood, "and in the ensuing years."



Three years later the pair collaborated on The Sweet Hereafter, an adaptation of the novel of the same name by Russell Banks about the effects of a tragic bus accident on the population of a small town. Greenwood earned a Genie Award nomination playing a grieving father and in 2002 readers of Playback voted it the greatest Canadian film ever made.

Next was a small role in Ararat, Egoyan's story of a young man whose life is changed during the making of a film about the Armenian genocide, and then, in 2013, a cameo in Devil's Knot. Greenwood played a judge in Egoyan's retelling of the events leading up to the West Memphis Three murders and the "Satanic panic" that fuelled the hysteria surrounding the subsequent trial of teenagers Jessie Misskelley Jr., Damien Echols



and Jason Baldwin.

These days Greenwood is best known for his work as Capt. Christopher Pike in the 2009 Star Trek film and its sequel, Star Trek Into Darkness, but he's not too busy in Hollywood — the Quebec-born actor has lived in Los Angeles since the late

1980s — to reteam with his Canadian cohort.

In Egoyan's new psychological thriller, The Captive, Greenwood joins stars Ryan Reynolds, Scott Speedman, Rosario Dawson and Mireille Enos in a story of a child kidnapping. Egoyan says he and Greenwood share a short-

hand that makes for easy work on set.

As for Greenwood, he says he trusts the director, "more than anyone I've ever worked with. He can ask me to do anything and if my initial instinct is 'Oh no,' it ends up being the right idea. He's a tremendous guy."

### Von Trier makes small-screen return

Twenty years after creating the groundbreaking miniseries The Kingdom, director Lars von Trier is preparing to return to the small screen with The House That Jack

The project was announced by Louise Vesth, a producer at von Trier's Zentropa film company, during a press conference for the screening of Nymphomaniac Volume 2: Director's Cut at the Venice Film Festival. Executive producer Peter Aalbæk Jensen chimed in to describe the project as "without precedent" and added, "You better hold your breath."

The English-language series will have a large international cast, although no individual names have been revealed. Details on the plot are also still under wraps.

Known for his avant-garde films, including the 2000 Cannes Palme d'Or winner Dancer in the Dark, von Trier

has also worked in TV as the creator and director of The Kingdom (Riget in the original Danish). Set in a Copenhagen hospital, the story follows a small number of doctors and patients attempting to understand a series of supernatural events. Since the first season, aired in 1994, left a number

of questions unanswered, four additional episodes were made in 1997. In 2004, Stephen King adapted the drama for America as Kingdom Hospital.

The Danish filmmaker will begin writing the screenplay for The House That Jack Built this fall, and production is slated to begin in 2016. AFP



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#### Is Jack coming back?

#### Plans for 24 movie resurface

Following the finale of 24: Live Another Day, the miniseries that stood in as the show's belated ninth season, producers have returned to the idea of bringing Jack Bauer's adven-tures to the big screen, TV Line reveals.

According to the website, 24 producer Brian Grazer has developed a pitch that he plans to present to 20th Century Fox. The studio, however, is said to be more interested in producing additional miniseries such as the one aired this summer. The idea of a movie on the counterterrorist agent has been in discussion since the show ended its eighth season in May 2010. AFP



#### Season 5

#### **Downton Abbey** trailer hints at romance, fire

ITV has unveiled the first trailer for the next season of Downton Abbey, which premieres Sept. 21 in the U.K.

The fifth season is poised to be an eventful one for the protagonists. In its new video, the British network hints at romance - as Lady Mary grows closer to Lord Gillingham and the footman Jimmy Kent pursues his forbidden love affairs as well as drama, as Lord Grantham fears that his grandson is about to be stolen from the family. There is also a shot that hints that a terrible fire may break out at the estate.

The new season, which is written once again by the show's creator Julian Fellowes, is set in 1924 and finds the family coping with reforms carried out by the first Labour government. AFP



#### Golden Lion. Film editor scores achievement award

Oscar-winning film editor Thelma Schoonmaker, who has worked hand-in-hand with director Martin Scorsese for over 40 years, was awarded the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement in Venice on Tuesday.

The 74-year-old American has edited some of the biggest selling and critically acclaimed movies of the past 30 years, from Goodfellas to Gangs of New York and The Wolf of Wall Street, and only works with Scorsese.

After winning Oscars for

Raging Bull, The Aviator and The Departed, Schoonmaker said she was honoured to be awarded the top Venice accolade — and to be the first film editing artist to receive it in the festival's history.

"I had started a six-week course at NYU (New York University) in editing when I first met Marty, and it changed my life," Schoonmaker told journalists at the world's oldest film festival ahead of the ceremony on Lido island in Italy's floating

#### Frances McDormand. Star of new miniseries feted

The Venice Film Festival has feted the career of Frances Mc-Dormand, the Oscar-winning actress of Fargo fame, ahead of the premiere of a new HBO miniseries she called the culmination of her life's work.

McDormand, who is married to director Joel Coen and has starred in several Coen brothers films including Fargo and Burn After Reading, was presented with the Visionary Talent Award for a career that began on Broadway in 1984.

The 57-year-old American told journalists ahead of the ceremony that she felt developing, producing and acting in the four-part miniseries Ol-

"I think 90 minutes is not enough to tell a female story. I think four hours is enough, six hours is better, 10 hours, two years... Our stories are circular, complex and need more than 90 minutes." Frances McDormand



and acts in Olive Kitteridge, receiv the Visionary Talent Award at the

ive Kitteridge was "the culmination of everything that I have attempted to do."

McDormand plays a witty, acerbic math teacher in a New England town in a story that spans 25 years, based on a Pulitzer prize-winning collection of short stories by Elizabeth Strout, and directed by Lisa Cholodenko. Television has "allowed all of us to reinvent on our own terms what we want our professional lives to be," she said. "For a female elder, action roles in films are limited, but television opens up new possibilities." AFP



#### Years-old injury still bringing George pain

George Clooney is still feeling the effects of a back injury he suffered on the set of Syriana almost 10 years ago and recently visited a hospital in Dusseldorf, Germany, to address the ongoing pain, according to E! News. "George arrived at the clinic Friday morning and had a series of tests with the clinic's top neurosurgeon, Dr. Ralf Buhl," a source says. "Buhl specializes in non-invasive methods, which lessen the need for surgery." The injury is believed to have caused ongoing spinal cord problems and bad headaches. See? So it's not necessarily just the Daily Mail that's made him so grumpy lately.



#### Miley still loves Liam Hemsworth (and weed)

Miley Cyrus may have broken off her engagement to Liam Hemsworth almost a year ago, but that doesn't mean she doesn't still have feelings for the Australian actor. "I love Liam. Liam loves me," she tells Australia's Sunday Night during an interview. Of course, she might just be saying that because she doesn't want to upset any Australians on their home turf.

On the more controversial topic of her open indulgence in drugs and alcohol, Cyrus gets a bit defensive: "I put pictures of me smoking weed, I'm not going to lie, on my Instagram," she says. "I don't promote it in my songs or whatever, but it's not like I'm sitting around telling a bunch of kids to do a bunch of drugs."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



#### 'I do not have a perfect body,' says Charlize. Yeah, right.



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We've been thinking a lot about famous women's bodies this week, obviously, so here's some food for thought to go with all that virtual ogling. Oscar winner Charlize Theron, generally regarded to be pretty darn beautiful, has a few flaws.

"I do not have a perfect body," she tells Modern Luxury magazine. "I'm always finding things I can work on, but I definitely reached a point where I feel comfortable and happy with the way my body looks." Oh, good. I was worried. I mean, if she can't feel comfortable with how she looks, what hope do the rest of us have?

"I like to think I am a woman who is comfortable (with) and celebratory of my strengths and indulges in the qualities that make me feel beautiful," she says, apparently not done yet.

"I definitely am not one of those people that is constantly counting calories and doesn't allow myself to enjoy food — I love food. But I just try to be mindful of what I eat and be good to myself."

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go be good to myself with this deep-dish pizza



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# Soul-searching in New Zealand

**Spiritual trip.** Epically ethereal landscapes and a history drenched in mythology make this island nation a must for meditators

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In his stout workboots and black oilskin duster, Bill Matthews looks more like a sheep rancher than a Maori sage and storyteller. Yet, by the time he has collected me at the Copthorne Hokianga Hotel and we've arrived at a dizzying lookout over Hokianga Harbour near the tip of New Zealand's North Island, he has summoned the ancient world of the country's first peoples – his ancestors — and brought to life their legends of creation and conquest.

At the verge of the fabled Waipoua Forest — a primeval rainforest and sanctuary for the vast, native Kauri trees - twilight is now filtering through the silver ferns, symbol of New Zealand and as big as rooftops.

When we finally meet the forest celebrities, Te Matua Ngahere (Father of the Forest) and 2,000-year-old Tane Mahuta (Lord of the Forest), it's full dark, and Bill's stories of the Maori's journey from their mythical homeland of Hawaiki, their discovery of Aotearoa, the Land of the Long White Cloud, and even of how Tane Mahuta created the world seem as real as the nighttime calls of the tui and kiwi, and as divine as smouldering kauri resin.

Think of a spiritual journey, and you might first think of the mystical destinations of India or the Holy Land. Increasingly, however, seekers of renewal,



enlightenment and self-discovery are drawn to New Zealand a land of epically ethereal landscapes, rich mythological history and soul-satisfying remoteness.

It's not surprising, really, that the misty ranges, bubbling hot springs and vast forests that were such inherently sacred sites for the Maori have, in more recent years, inspired and attracted pilgrims of all spiritual stripes.

"Being in the Southern Alps, on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, there is a real sense of spirituality and calmness," says Paula Ryan, co-creator of the new, 21-acre Aro-Ha Wellness Retreat near Queenstown.

Although it's been open less than a year and hosts a maximum of 20 guests at once, Aro-Ha is making international waves for its luxury accommodation, rigour (paleo-based vegan cuisine) and permaculture (a focus on ecological, sustainable design).

At Aro-Ha, "every guest has a personal experience and they all leave feeling increased objectivity and more clarity," says

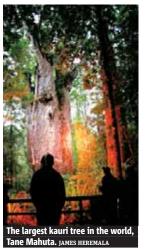
In addition to mindfulness and other spirituality sessions, Aro-Ha focuses on nutrition and what it calls wellness adventures: sub-alpine hiking, strength training, kayaking and twice-daily yoga sessions.
Further north and over-

looking New Zealand's most populous city, the Auckland Zen Garden offers an entirely different landscape, but a similarly contemplative experience, personalized for each guest. Owner Johnny Leung, who designed the 75-acre Garden with rippling streams, private lodges and contemplative walks in the ancient Kyoto style, says he wants guests to "feel close to the sky and heaven."

In addition to yoga and meditation sessions, a maximum of 14 guests take part in two- to four-day retreats complete with the services, if desired, of psychiatrists and 'soul consultants," who guide individuals seeking to reset their priorities or make major life changes, says Leung.

Interestingly, one of Aro-Ha's guests used almost identical language: "Aro-Ha isn't a life saver; it's a life changer.'

But Bill Matthews showed that quests for perspective, insight and priority aren't necessarily new. As we left Waipoua Forest, he leaned over, felt the



ground for a kauri seed, and presented it to me with a traditional ancient Maori message. "You are a seed. Even though you are small, you have value.

#### **Maori Immersion**

Museums, cultural centres and special events throughout New Zealand will give you a great introduction to Maori history and culture, but if you want to jump in feet first, check out Potiki Adventures.

The company is the passion and brainchild of Bianca Ranson of Waiheki Island, who started it 10 years ago when she was just 24 and has since won a clutch of awards for it.

Her aims: to further Maori traditions among Maori youth, and also to give Pakeha (non-Maori people) a hands-on ex-perience of Maori activities, perspectives and spirituality. Guests stay in the Marae, a traditional ancestral meeting house, visit historical paa (power) sites and participate in activities such as flax weaving, poi-making and mau rakau (martial arts).

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As a special end-of-summer gift to our readers, Metro brings you the first chapter of The Afterlife of Stars, the newest book by award-winning author Joseph Kertes. Over the next three days, we will be introduced to the Beck brothers, two young boys grappling with the world around them as Russian tanks roll into Budapest during the final days of the Hungarian revolution. In **Part 2** of four, the Beck family has an encounter with Russian soldiers in their home.

# The Afterlife of Stars

There was a pounding at the door, quite a commanding one, and we all looked out that way, as if to interpret what it meant. We followed my father into the vestibule and huddled behind him, except for my brother, who stood by his side. It was Attila who opened the door. A man, a soldier the size of a tree, stood outside. He had such an overgrowth of beard, he could have supplied a whole room of teenagers with all the tufts they needed. He barked something at us in Russian. The red star gleamed from his furry officer's cap. He barked something again, and Judit squeaked and held her stomach.

The tree man paused, but then he parted us and stepped up to Judit. He looked at her, gazed down at her belly, then bent down to listen there. No one knew what to do. He pointed a long brown finger at her abdomen. Andras looked ready to lunge at the Russian, and so did my brother behind him. Judit whimpered.

The man laughed as he straightened all the way up again. His mouth was like a jewel box, full of gold and glitter. He pushed past us and marched straight to our empire clock on the sideboard in the front room as if he knew where it was. We followed him, and he waited for us to gather. He pointed to the clock, circled his long brown finger a number of times past the twelve and motioned that we were all to leave. Then, to our relief, the officer marched out again and slammed the door.

"We have until three o'clock," our father said to us, "and then we have to be

"For how long?" I asked

"We don't know," my grandmother said gently.

"For about two centuries," Attila said, "before we check back in with them."

"What do you mean?"

"They want us to get out," Andras said. "Not out of the country. We're not supposed to leave the country, not allowed, actually. We're just supposed to find other lodgings somewhere."

"But we're not doing that,"

"Be quiet," our father said.



Judit whispered, "We can't leave now." I could hardly

"We have to," her husband said. "Now is our only chance. The Hungarian rebel army is rising up. There are breaks in the border. It's the only time."

"But Andras ..." our grandmother said, putting her arm around Iudit.

My brother looked straight at me. "We're leaving," he insisted. "Forever. I told you we're going west."

"Why can't we just get the Russians to like us instead?"

Attila shook his head. 'Lambkin, you're not too bright." But my remark made Judit tear up. She embraced me and kissed me on the head before leaving with

The Russian was back within an hour, and he brought other soldiers with him, two women and one man. But the original one with the beard was obviously overseeing the proceedings. They moved through our home more like movers than invaders. They acted as if we weren't there. From the china cabinet, they gingerly removed Herendi porcelain cups, saucers and platters and a silver sugar box and teapot, wrapping them in cloth before placing them in

large canvas sacks. Attila and I watched from the sofa.

They took down the paintings one at a time, leaving rectangular blond ghosts in the gold wallpaper. The largest of these was called "Christmas, 1903." It depicted two old women dressed in dark coats and fur hats, one bent over a walnut secretary desk, writing a letter, the other looking out and down at us from the wall. Between them stood a potted Christmas tree on a table, festooned with bright ribbons and baubles and a star at the top. I always wondered why such a cheerful tree did not manage to spread its joy to the dark women in the parlor, who had most likely decorated it. Now the women were gone, together with their tree.

One solitary picture still hung on the wall among the ghostly rectangles. It was a drawing done by my brother of a Spitfire fighter plane tearing through the skies, spitting impressive bursts of fire. In the corner of the picture was the sun, and it too fired off spikes instead of rays of light. It was a sketch Attila had done in school, and our mother had had it framed in gold and hung over the gilded double-headed-eagle clock on the sideboard, which stood

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guard over the room. The fierce-looking bird was the emblem of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

I had done a picture I knew my mother would like too, a watercolor, but it was still at school. My teacher, Mrs. Molnar, had hung it up where the photographs of Stalin and Khrushchev hung, but on the opposite side of the clock. My painting featured a weeping

willow. It was surrounded by impressionable trees, which also wanted to weep, so I gave them their own tears in many colors flying off the leaves. My classmate David thought the other trees might have been sweating after a run, but I explained my intent.

 year before, I had done another picture in crayon of sunflowers. It wasn't a field of sunflowers, exactly, but sunflower after sunflower, quite a few of them. My brother seemed to admire the picture. He said my flowers looked like the handiwork of God as a child, trying out designs for the sun. That wasn't my intent either. I don't know where that picture got to,

One of the Russian women carrying a canvas bag looked at the Spitfire twice as she passed by us. We watched her closely. She removed her snug army cap to reveal straw-colored hair tied back as tightly as the cap, giving her head the look of an onion. She paused by the drawing but moved on. The eagle watched with its four sharp eyes. On her third trip by, she picked up the eagle clock with a strong arm and wrapped it up like a mummy before bending over to make

room for it in her heavy sack. Attila watched the operation, kept glancing up at his own drawing in its precious frame, waited for her to leave our home with the sacks, and then tore off madly to our

I tiptoed to the dining room to see if the Russians had taken our bowl of rose cream chocolates. I cared less about the red crystal bowl than about the chocolates. They were still there. I wondered if it would be all right to sit at the table and steal a chocolate. I took a chance. I peeled the red foil wrapper off the delicacy and put it into my mouth whole, let its creamy sweet essence enjoy its new home. I didn't want to chew, to take a single bite. I put my cheek down on the cool surface of the dining room table. My grandmother had bought this table for my parents for their "wood" anniversary, she told me. She said it was made of walnut by Sebastyan Balaban, the famous furniture maker. He had told her it would last a



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thousand years. We had had it for eleven years, just 1.1 percent of its lifespan, meaning some nice Russian family could enjoy meals and chocolates off it for 989 more years. I took another chocolate to eat in my room and one for my brother.

But I had a second table to visit first. It was the roundtopped pedestal table in the front room. It was the one I hid under when I was in turmoil. Made of heavy black maple and standing on beastly wooden lions' paws, it sat between two dainty ladies' lamps in all its manly glory. I ducked underneath. I wanted to sit in its darkness one last time. When I was much younger, I thought that this unlucky lion had grown a table-top instead of a head, but when my brother taught me the facts of life, I realized that a lion and a table had lain down together to make this child. I hoped it was the table that was the mother. I ran my fingers through the carved fur and the hard claws and said my goodbyes.

I heard something fall in the kitchen, but not a dish, because it didn't shatter. I jumped out and ran back to our room. I found my brother holding his june bug collection up to the light of the window before shelving it again. The collection had won him a science prize a couple of years back.

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# Fresh tomatoes in salad spotlight

#### **Grilled Chicken Panzanella Salad.**

This dish makes a light dinner and allows you to switch up protein



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September is a great month to enjoy tomatoes in so many ways.

Cooking them up in a sauce or in a soup makes for easy meals, but one of my favourites is including them in salads. Putting together some family favourites creates a whole entree salad that everyone will love.

For this Grilled Chicken Panzanella Salad, my family prefers chicken thighs, but you can also use leftover chicken or turkey to speed up prep time.

If you are using leftover chicken or turkey, you will

need about three cups (750 ml) chopped or shredded.

You can also substitute three to four boneless skinless chicken breasts for the thighs. Grill them for about 12 minutes or until no longer pink inside.

- 1. Toss chicken thighs with 1 tbsp of oil, and sprinkle with half each of the salt and pepper. Place on greased grill over medium-high heat and grill for about 10 minutes, turning once or until juices run clear. Place on cutting board and chop.
- **2.** Toss bread with remaining oil, salt and pepper and spread onto baking sheet. Toast in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 10 minutes or until bread is crispy and golden.
- **3.** In bowl, combine tomatoes, cucumber, red and yellow peppers, onion, basil and capers, if using. Add chicken and bread; toss to combine.
- **4.** Dressing: In bowl, whisk together vinegar, broth, garlic, mustard, salt and pepper. Drizzle over salad and toss well.

#### **Ingredients**

- 6 boneless, skinless chicken thighs (about 1 1/2 lbs/750 g)
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and pepper
- 4 cups (1 l) cubed crusty Italian bread
- 2 large tomatoes, chopped
- 1 English cucumber, sliced
- 1 each red and yellow pepper, chopped
- Half red onion, thinly sliced (optional)
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) fresh basil, coarsely chopped
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) capers, drained (optional)

#### Dressing

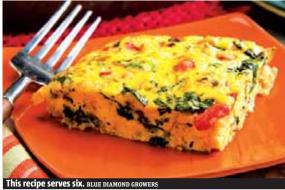
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) aged balsamic vinegar
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) sodium-reduced chicken broth
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp (5 ml) Dijon mustard
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and pepper

Let stand 30 minutes before



serving.

## Subtle touches offer Italian taste



A frittata is a healthy meal bursting with protein and vitamins because of a simple base of eggs and veggies. This tasty Italian version is a perfect breakfast or even dinner option!

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F (200 C) and melt the butter in a medium oven-safe skillet. Add chopped onion and cook for 5 minutes to soften. Add spinach, artichoke hearts and red pepper and cook until spinach is wilted and dry.

2. Beat together the almond beverage, eggs, garlic salt and dried basil in a medium bowl. Add to skillet with cheese and cook until eggs are about half cooked, stirring occasionally.

3. Place skillet in oven and cook for 10 minutes more. RECIPE COURTESY BLUE DIAMOND GROWERS

#### ngredients

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped onion
- 3 cups (750 ml) fresh spinach, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) marinated artichoke hearts, chopped
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) roasted red pepper, chopped
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) Almond Breeze® Unsweetened Original beverage
- 6 eggs
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) garlic salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried basil
- 1 cup (250 ml) Italian blend cheese, shredded

Food around the world

#### The Bahamas (vegan rating: 6/10)



MEAT AND VEG meatandvegontheroad tumblr.com Photos: Suzi Staheli

Meat, a contented carnivorous writer, documents his and his vegan fiancée Veg's dietary journey as they travel and munch their way across four continents.



**Veg:** This generous mound of brown rice, next to a perfectly steamed medley of pumpkin, carrot, broccoli and cabbage, went down very well with Veg. Made from produce from his own backyard, the owner of Nettie's restaurant kindly whipped up this beautiful dish on request after we told him he had a vegan to feed.



Meat: Always keen to immerse myself in another country's culture, I had the local favourite: conch. However, I opted to have the large sea snail battered and fried alongside vegetables and rice rather than have it raw and diced with salad like the Caribbean favourite conch salad. I was more than happy with my enjoyably chewy choice.







# Score a great job by getting organized

#### Feeling swamped?

Don't let a lack of order sabotage your job search. All you need is a few simple tools

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Job hunting can be stressful. Whether you are a new grad looking for a career or a student in search of a part-time job, it can be hard to keep your applications straight — and your motivation high. Getting your job search (and those applications) organized is a great way to avoid confusion and stay on top of important deadlines.

#### **Use spreadsheets**

If you're actively applying to different jobs, you may have trouble keeping track of all the information you're juggling.

begin organizing your job search, start with a spreadsheet or a blank document.

In this document, create headings that include the name of the place you applied to or contacted, the job title, the date you applied, who you applied to or how you applied, and any other important information as outlined in the job description. This spreadsheet will help you track everything pertinent to your job hunt. Tip: Use this spreadsheet to save the descriptions of jobs you've applied to - you'll want that information to prepare for an interview.

Organize your applications As you apply for new jobs, it's important to keep all your resumés and cover letters in one place, and keep

them organized.

If you get a call back for an interview, you want to be able to bring copies of the cover letter and resumé you submitted for the job. Create a folder on your computer, and within that, create a new folder for every new job you apply to. Label your files appropriately with the job title and company applied to.

Tip: This seems obvious to an organized person — but it's an important step many job-seekers overlook.

#### Use your calendar

If you have a lot of job

s the stress of job hunting getting to you? Organizing your applications both digital and paper-based — can help you stay on track. 18TOCK

search momentum, it's easy to get dates confused, or overlook relevant followup dates. Marking key dates on your calendar is the best way to streamline your applications. When you submit an application, make note of any relevant dates, particularly the expected closing date or time-frame for hearing back from the employer. This step is crucial in making sure to follow up and reach out to recruiters in an appropriate time frame.

Tip: Some job descriptions clearly state to not follow up; make note of this.

#### Plan short- and long-term **goals**It's easy to get tunnel vision

when you're trying to hatch your career. As you plan and organize your applications and key dates, set aside some time to review your progress and identify new goal-setting opportunities. It's good to be prepared for unexpected setbacks, and having some key dates set aside as opportunities to rest and recharge is absolutely crucial to your continued success.

Tip: Planning your activities long-term will help you stay motivated if you don't meet with immediate job-search success.

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# Cycling Dutchman dominates prologue

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#### **Tour of Alberta.**

Tom Dumoulin the only rider to clock in under six minutes at Canada Olympic Park

Tom Dumoulin smartly navigated jet leg and shook off the effects of higher altitude to dominate the Tour of Alberta prologue Tuesday. The white cowboy hat gave him a little trouble, as he put it on backwards.

The 23-year-old from the

Netherlands chose an early start number of 26 in the field of 118 riders to ease the impact of the eight-hour difference in time zones.

After laying down a sub-sixminute time in the time trial at Canada Olympic Park, Dumoulin watched and waited for 90 minutes as the rest of the field tried to beat him and

"It was my own decision, and I knew if I had a fast time I needed to wait a long time," the Dutch national time-trial champion said.

"In Holland, it's eight hours later, so I decided to

The race gives \$125,000 in prize money. It spans 734 kilometres in three separate stages covering Lethbridge, Innisfail and Red Deer, wrapping up with an 11-lap stage on an 11-kilometre loop through downtown Edmonton on Sunday.

start as early. It felt like starting in the middle of the night, so the earlier the better."

Dumoulin heads into the first of five stages with

a 14-second cushion on prologue runner-up Serghei Tvetcov of Romania. Tom Danielson of the U.S. was 17.01

seconds back in third. Zach Bell of Watson Lake, Yukon, was the top Canadian in

Riders from 19 countries rolled off the start ramp Tues-

Tuesday's four-kilometre prologue was gentle until the last 1.3 kilometres. Cyclists then climbed 100 metres over six switchbacks to a finish line above the sliding track and ski jumps built for the 1988 Winter Olympics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### MLB

#### Jays hammer Rays in Florida

Jose Reyes hit a three-run homer, R.A. Dickey gave up two hits in seven innings and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Tampa Bay Rays 8-2 Tuesday night.

Reyes' ninth home run broke a 2-all in the fourth inning and sent the Blue Jays to their third win in a row.

Danny Valencia also homered off Rays starter Jeremy Hellickson (1-3). Pinch-hitter Dioner Navarro added a two-run shot off Cesar Ramos in the eighth.

Jose Bautista's streak of homering in five straight games ended but he had two singles and an RBI for Toronto.

Dickey (11-12) gave up two runs, struck out six and walked three.

Dickey pitched at least six innings for the 13th time in 14 starts. Aaron Sanchez and Todd Redmond each pitched an inning of hitless relief. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Blue Jays

#### Lawrie shut down for the rest of the season

The Toronto Blue Jays have reinstated righthander Brandon Morrow from the disabled list and shut down injured infielder Brett Lawrie for the rest of the season.

Morrow has been sidelined since May with an injured right finger.

Lawrie, who has been dealing with an oblique injury since early August, was transferred to the 60-day DL to clear roster space.

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Cornish carries the ball against the Eskimos' Aaron Grymes at McMahon Stadium on Monday. Cornish was ped the week's top offensive player and the top Canadian. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Cornish racks up weekly awards

**CFL.** Stampeders running back named top offensive player and top Canadian after thumping Eskimos

Calgary running back Jon Cornish picked up two CFL player-of-the-week awards for his performance in the Stampeders' 28-13 victory over Edmonton on Monday.

Cornish was named both the top offensive player and top Canadian, while Sas-katchewan's Ricky Foley

Pending a physical

#### **Cowboys ready** to sign Sam to practice roster

Both The NFL Network and ESPN reported Tuesday that Michael Sam is heading to Dallas for a physical with the Cowboys. If the defensive end passes, he'd join the NFL team's practice

Sam is trying to become the NFL's first openly gay player. He was released Saturday by the St. Louis

The Montreal Alouettes have reached out to Sam's representatives but haven't heard back from them. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Stampeders will look to make it 3-for-3 against the Eskimos this season when they pay their arch rivals a visit on Saturday night.

earned the defensive player award and Troy Stoudermire was named the top special teams player.

Cornish rushed for a season-high 163 yards and added a touchdown in the Stamps' Labour Day victory over the Eskimos. The 2013 CFL MVP, who was playing in just his third game of the season after being sidelined with a concussion, had 17 carries, averaging 9.6 yards. He ran in a three-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

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Foley had a pair of sacks and a tackle, and forced and recovered a fumble in the Roughriders' 35-30 victory over Winnipeg.

The award was the second this season for the Riders' defensive end.

Stoudermire returned a Josh Bartel punt for 64 yards and a touchdown in the Blue Bombers' loss. He had 224 combined return yards on the day. The canadian press

#### PEDs. Welker suspended for four games: Reports

Wes Welker is facing a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's performance-enhancing drug policy, according to published

ESPN reported the violation had to do with ampheta-

The Broncos didn't immediately return a message from The Associated Press requesting comment Tuesday.

NFL Media reported Welker was notified Tuesday he had lost his appeal, which was heard two weeks ago.

Welker caught a careerbest 10 TD passes last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS







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#### 015 Honda Fit

- Type: Five-door, front-wheel-drive compact hatchback
- Engine: 1.5-litre inline four-cylinder (130 hp)
- Transmission: Six-speed manual, continuously variable automatic (CVT)
- Base price: \$16,163, including destination fee

#### Market position

Slight upscale position in compact hatchback segment, due to very flexible and large interior, afforded by unique centreof-car positioning of gas tank. Seats fold in more permutations than a Swiss Army knife, to further expand the cargo-carrying possibilities.

#### Points

- Built at a new plant in Mexico. Previous models imported from Japan or China
  • Easily the biggest and
- most flexible interior in its subcompact class
- Engine upgraded to directinjection, DOHC and variable valve timing and duration
- Rear-view camera and Bluetooth now standard features



#### Safety features

An IIHS top safety pick (the only small car to achieve an Acceptable rating in the small overlap frontal crash test), six airbags, side-curtain airbags have rollover sensors, stability and traction control, hill-start assist, available LaneWatch display and a multi-view rear-view camera with guidelines.

# Still funky but a better Fit

**Review.** Honda's redesigned hatchback is less egg-shaped, boasts more power, features and leg room

#### MIKE GOETZ

In the compact hatchback segment, the Honda Fit stuck out. Not quite like a sore thumb, because it's not ugly like a sore thumb. It's ugly more in

an egg-shaped way.

That shape, combined with the unique positioning of its gas tank (underneath the driver's seat), helped it stick out some more — by creating the conditions for a cavernous interior for its size, and then by its so-called Magic Seat, which allows owners to exploit that space to marvellous effect.

When it came time to design an all-new Fit for 2015, Honda stuck with the program — enhancing the theme of interior versatility, while updating several items that were lacking and/or not up to expectations.

The automaker still managed to increase the cargo vol-



ume to 1,492 litres. This was accomplished by stretching the wheelbase, flattening the gas tank, and various other measures. Rear-seat leg room has been greatly increased, but at the expense of the cargo area.

When it came to engine tech, Honda threw the proverbial kitchen sink at this new 1.5-litre four-cylinder direct injection, DOHC, high-end variable valve control systems, and even oil-jet piston cooling. It has more horses (130) and torque (114) yet manages to get better fuel efficiency than the engine it replaces.

The exterior style is less egg and more wedge, with a substantial lower body to suggest a more-planted road feel, which is definitely the case.

There is obviously more power, too, but the predominant first impression is one of vastly improved smoothness, sophistication and quiet.

You can still hear road noise and the engine - especially on the highway.

The interior is several notches better. The hard plastic bits have been replaced by softer materials, and the cabin is rendered in an elegant, modern design.

In the transformation to a more grown-up car, Fit lost some its teenage-like exuberance, which made you want to drive it hard and fling it about.

But the 2015 Fit is more capable in every criteria, and easily one of the best small hatchbacks on the market.



Ford Fiesta
Base price: \$16,059 Drives well, lots of standard and available kit, rear seat a bit cramped.



2Kia Rio5 Base price:\$16,014 Rio5, and corporate cousin, Hyundai Accent, both offer



Nissan Versa Note Base price: \$15,865 Less technology in the engine and entertainment departments but gets the job



good value and good looks.

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**Driving Force.** Nissan Leaf owners can connect with car online, and their cars can connect with them via email

#### JIL MCINTOSH

Most cars too

Most cars today will let you pair your phone to them, and then make or take calls to other people through the car's audio system. But there are a few vehicles that can also work the other way: Hook up your phone, and they'll call you.

One of these is the all-electric Nissan Leaf, which uses a telematics system called Carwings to receive and send information, which the driver accesses through a smartphone or dedicated website.

"The Leaf has a cellular connection," explains Preston Wong, development manager in the Connected Services department at Nissan Canada. "It uses that to connect to Nissan's data centre."

The Leaf reaches the data centre through the Rogers network to receive or forward information. Meanwhile, communication from the data centre to the car's owner goes out via the Internet. It doesn't matter what cell carrier the driver uses, as long as there's an Internet connection on the phone or laptop.

Through the mobile app, the driver can see how much the battery is charged and how far the car will go on that charge, including variations for whether the climate control is on or off.

The car can even send an email or text message to its owner when charging is complete, or a warning if power has been disrupted to the charging outlet.

Some functions can be controlled through the phone, as well.

If the car has already been plugged in, the driver can use the app to delay charging until later in the evening when rates go down, or

#### App to communicate

- The Leaf was the first Nissan/Infiniti vehicle with a telematics system that connects to a data centre.
- The data centre is global, and all Nissan Leafs in the world use it for this type of communication.
- The app also shows how long it will take to charge the car, sends reminders if the car needs to be plugged in, and can connect the driver directly to roadside assistance.

start it immediately if the car will be needed sooner. It's also possible to set the climate control to pre-heat or pre-cool the cabin. These systems draw a lot of power, so running them while the car is still plugged in saves more stored electricity that can be used to drive farther between charges.

The Carwings system can also show the driver a list of the closest public charging stations, which changes as new stations are opened.

The Leaf contacts the data centre through its cellular connection and downloads the updated list, adding any new ones to its map.

When the driver inputs a destination into the navigation system, the car determines whether it has enough battery power for the journey, and indicates any charging stations along the way.

A display on the Leaf's instrument cluster "grows" virtual trees whenever the car is being driven efficiently, and, if the owner chooses, the car can upload its driving history to the website.

"You can compare these metrics with everyone else in the world," Wong says. "It has a history of the distance and the energy economy, and you can see your 'forests' growing larger and larger through the web."

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# **Shift:** From hybrids to saving money at the pumps

#### Diesel sports car set to make tracks

The words diesel and sports car haven't often been linked in the minds of drivers, but new clean-burn diesel technology is changing that. Witness the recent global launch of the Trident Iceni, which it says is the world's fastest and most fuel-efficient diesel sports car. With a top speed of 320 km/h and the ability to run for 3,200 kilometres on a single tank of fuel, the Iceni uses torque multiplication technology to achieve its blend of speed, power and efficiency. Two new models were added in April: the Magna fastback and Venturer wagon. Prices start at \$160,000. All STORIES AND PHOTOS FROM WHEELBASEMEDIA.COM



#### BMW drives into new territory

Unlike BMW's 2 Series cars, which replace the outgoing 1 Series small cars, the Bavarian automaker's newly announced 2 Series Active Tourer is not just its first-ever front-wheel-drive model, but also its first to be powered by a three-cylinder engine. Designed to lay the ground-work for future front-wheel-drive models, writes technology magazine Gizmag, the Tourer shares many platform traits with Mini's next-gen Countryman model. (BMW owns the Mini brand.) The car will be similar in size to its Mini corporate cousin, but the Active Tourer "emulates many other design traits" from the wider tall wagon segment. The Tourer is to be launched in Europe this September and in other markets closer to 2015.



#### Shift points

- Audi is reportedly developing four-cylinder engines that will run as smoothly as, and have the power of, its six- and eight-cylinder powerplants, with fewer emissions. Britain's Autocar magazine says the design uses a nonconventional layout that avoids the internal forces that make normal four-cylinders feel rough.
- The 2014 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in California saw Jaguar unveil its prototype Car Zero, which is the first of the remaining six of the all-aluminum lightweight E-Types that were first announced in 1963. Eighteen Lightweights were scheduled for production, but only 12 were ever built.

#### Material irrelevant to pickup buyers, until they learn more

Many buyers of light-duty trucks don't care that the 2015 Ford F-150 is made mostly from aluminum, which saves 300-plus pounds of fuel-sucking weight, so long as performance isn't compromised. A study by research firm UBS found that 36 per cent of buyers didn't care what

material their truck is made of, so long as it offers equal capability; 19 per cent preferred steel, 17 per cent a mix of steel and aluminum and 3 per cent preferred aluminum, reports The Detroit News. But results changed once buyers received more info: 52 per cent who intended to buy within six months said they're now "extremely likely" to consider the aluminum-bodied 2015 F-150 when it arrives this fall.



## Classic rides for back to class

Heading to college or university? Considering a second-hand ride to ease the commute or improve the post-secondary experience? Here are some suggested models that are relatively reliable and economical, along with some test-drive tips to avoid getting stuck with a lemon.

#### JUSTIN PRITCHARD

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#### 2005-10 Chevy Cobalt/Pontiac G5

**Personality:** Great Deal **The Draw:** These corporate twins were available in coupe or sedan versions with numerous powertrains.

Owners gave them top

marks for steering feel, ride comfort and athletic performance. Higher-than-average reliability and lower-than-average resale value make Cobalt and G5 a

great student buy. **Test Drive:** Some suspension components have worn out prematurely,



so a good going-over by a mechanic is recommended.
Your local GM dealership can check that all recall-related work has been performed.
Be on the lookout for inconsistent performance from the steering, which could indicate a problem with the electric power steering system.



#### 2006-10 Kia Rio

Personality: Value-Minded The Draw: Rio delivers upscale driving feel and a whack of features for the money. Owners enjoyed peppy performance, great headroom and good mile-

**Test Drive:** Watch for "check engine" or

"airbag" lights. If either or both are illuminated, determine why before buying.

Other potential electronic issues include headlight or taillamp failure. Be sure the timing belt isn't overdue for a change, and if it is, budget for a replacement.

#### 2004-09 Mazda3

Personality: The Athlete The Draw: Noted for sporty performance, upscale looks and its flexible hatchback variant (top photo), the Mazda 3 delivers above-average driving pleasure and style.

Driving dynamics and comfort are highly rated by owners.

Test Drive: The audio display screen was known to fail over time, so be sure it's in proper working order. Note that tires are pricier on models with 18-inch wheels, so



be sure they're in good shape. Check for clutch slippage with the manual transmission, and hard shifting from the automatic.

If either is apparent, investigate why. A trip to a mechanic may save you a pricey repair bill. Investigate carefully for rust, especially underneath the doors and around wheel-

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#### 2006-11 Honda Civic

**Personality:** Reliable Sidekick

The Draw: Civic will appeal to students who like a sure bet, thanks to a decades-long reputation for reliability, durability and no-nonsense operation. Owners note great fuel mileage, plenty of space and storage, and a comfortable ride.

**Test Drive:** Listen to the suspension with the stereo and climate control off. A clunking or pop-



ping sound over bumps could indicate a worn-out component or an improperly installed 'bump stop' in the suspension. Although very rare, some owners of early models have reported head-gasket issues, so confirm that no oil is being burned, and that there are no signs of oil in the engine coolant.

#### Road to success

Follow these tips to find the right used car for you.

- Checkup. Get your prospective car inspected by a qualified mechanic.
- Recalls. A dealership can check for outstanding recall work, if you know the VIN number.
- Silence. Turn off the radio and listen for unusual noises.
- Tune-up. Budget for a full fluid change and tune-up, just to be safe.

#### 2006-13 BMW Mini Cooper

Personality: Fun-Loving The Draw: With a priority on fun-to-drive dynamics and exceptional fuel mileage, the Mini Cooper is frisky, thrifty, cheeky and stylish. Manoeuvrability and outward visibility are great, too.

Test Drive: Confirm oil level and condition on all models, and be sure frequent, on-time oil changes were carried out if turbocharged. Take the car to a mechanic for a



pre-purchase inspection, asking for advice on a potential timing-chain issue in early turbo models, and to check the water pump for signs of leaks.

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#### **↑** Aries

March 21 - April 20

In recent weeks you've thrown yourself into life like there was no tomorrow but not even an Aries can keep going indefinitely. Slow down and get your world back into balance.

#### **Taurus**

April 21 - May 21

This is one of the best times of the year to get things done, but the things you do must not be of a minor nature. Use today's Sun-Pluto contact to aim higher.

#### **∐** Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Make sure you know all the facts before getting involved in a feud. You may want to help but if you're unaware of what is really going on you may end up making it even worse.

#### **9** Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Today's cosmic influences will smooth your path and make it easy for you to get from A to B with a minimum of fuss. Travel and social activities will go well for you over the next few days.

#### $\Omega$ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You need a favour from someone and because you're unsure what their reaction will be you aren't looking forward to it. They'll give you what you need.

#### **W** Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Today's link between the Sun in your sign and Pluto in Capricorn means you're endowed with extra power. Go all out to get what it is you most desire.

#### **△** Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You'll do best today if you make a conscious effort to shut out the world and create a mental and emotional bubble inside which everything is peaceful.

#### III Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Social activities will bring you luck over the next 24 hours, so get out and impress. The more attention you get, the more you will accomplish.

#### Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Others may be winding down a but you must keep the tempo going and make sure you stay visible. There are big opportunities coming up, so make sure important people know you.

#### **6** Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Actions speak louder than words and with Pluto in your sign activated by the Sun you'll be all action from the moment you awake to the moment your head hits the pillow.

#### **≫** Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may be tempted to forget about your principles and do something underhand today but you are advised against it. You have a rep for honesty.

#### **H** Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Make an effort to see things from another person's point of view today. You may be surprised to find that the way they look at the world is not that far away from your own.

#### Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

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#### Across

1. Jill's hill pal

- 5. 27th US President 9. "A Place Like This": Current tune by Canadian duo Jordan 14. Speck
- 15. Puccini aria: "\_\_\_ Babbino Caro"
- 16. Satire
- 17. Boxes [abbr.] 18. Fall hue
- 19. de menthe 20. Clod
- 21. American country singer whose 2014 album is called 'Story-
- line': 2 wds. 23. Cape Island link 25. 'The Art of Eight
- Limbs', \_\_ Thai 26. 17th Greek letter 27. Chicago choreog-
- rapher 29. US univ.
- 32. Vegan's biker-look fabric
- 35. Shirt part 37. "Candid Camera" host Allen
- 38. Songstress Ms. Sande
- 40. "Let's go!" 41. Beauty treatment
- 43. Scottish (Gig for the character Jamie Fraser in "Out-
- lander") 45. Wee weekday
- 46. Gambles
- 48. Hearer
- 49. "Your time hotdogs!" (Ballpark shout)
- 53. Winnipeg boutiques-gourmet district: 2 wds. 58. Half a Teletubby
- 59. Curry powder ingredient
- 60. Ed Sheeran song 61. Spaghetti cheese, commonly
- 62. Singer Mr. Lopez
- 63. 'Persist' suffix 64. Ms. Hathaway

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- 65. Glacial ice block
- 66. Actress Charlotte's 67. Raised flatland
- Down
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- 2. Fragrant oil from flowers
- the Charlottetown 4. Cdn. highway measures 5. Bruce Springsteen's

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- 7. 1978 Sylvester Stallone m.o.v.i.e. directed by Norman Jewison
- 8. Carved symbols 9. Broadcaster Mr. Williams (Trivia!
- One of MuchMusic's original VJs) 10. Range

- 11. "Friends" friend 12. Kenny Rogers' "She Believes
- 13. Salon supplies
- 21. Funny lark
- 22. "From with
- Love" (1963)
- 24. "Grease" (1978) song: "You're the One Want"
- 27. Masc. opposite 28. Vacuum cleaner
- brand 29. Nostalgic stroll-
- taker's location: 2 wds.
- 30. Welsh composer/ actor Mr. Novello
- 31. Mind
- 32. Fizzling-out noise 33. Beach feast
- 34. \_\_ balloon
- 36. Fanfare
- 39. Bean and Cool J
- 42. 'Old Lace' poison 44. Require
- 47. Can-Am \_\_ (Bom-
- bardier's 3-wheel motorcycle)
- 49. Songstress Ms.
- Menzel
- 50. Doors on fences 51. Acquires
- 52. Newfoundland
- town
- 53. Performs
- 54. Remedy
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- ware store 57. Formerly
- 61. Cooking spray

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